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OFFICES OF THE WAR COMMITTEE

Ottawa, October 4, 1918.

Dear Sir Robert,-

May I bother you with a short note, one of the principal occasions for which is to give you a welcome back to Canada. I hope your mission in England was successful in every way. I shall look forward to having a chat with you when I am next in Toronto. This will probably be on Saturday the 12th.

You will have heard before this that we have finally got George Locke down here in an official capacity, and I am glad to say, operating in a larger sphere than was proposed last Spring. He has been appointed Associate Director of Public Information and has the direction, directly under Mr. Rowell, of the War Lecture Bureau and general public speaking arrangements in connection with the Department, moving-picture propaganda and related subjects. Dr. Locke is now in the West but will be back on October 12th, when he will definitely take over his duties. In the meantime I am trying to keep things moving as best I can, or in the time which is not occupied by my regular work.

In connection with the public speaking side of the Department of Public Information, the Bishop of Birmingham is now engaged in a speaking tour in Canada, by an arrangement between the Department here and the British Ministry of Information. He is speaking at Canadian Clubs and as far as possible, at People's Forums on his way through to the coast. He will be in Toronto from Thursday morning next until the following Sunday evening. It occurred to me that you would be glad to know of his coming in order that he might be shown some attention by the University. In fact I was not sure whether you would care to have him make an address some afternoon during his visit to Toronto. I have not heard him speak, but I have heard he is a very good speaker

and he has most certainly a very pleasant personality. He is accompanied by his son, a young officer. The arrangements for his visit to Toronto are not yet complete. The Canadian Club may not be able to have him speak at one of their meetings, but in that event the Empire Club will be asked to arrange a meeting for him. Should you care to make any arrangements about the Bishop, would you be good enough to wire Mr. Poynter Bell of the Department of Public Information, Hope Chambers, Ottawa, and he will look after the matter for you.

With kind regards to Lady Falconer and yourself,

Yours very sincerely,

Vincent Massey

Sir Robert Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

October 5th, 1918.

Lt.-Colonel Vincent Massey,

Office of the War Committee,

Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Colonel Massey:

Many thanks for your letter welcoming me back to Canada. I had a wonderful experience and shall be glad to tell you something of what I saw when you come to Toronto.

I am also very glad to know that Locke has taken up the work as Associate Director of the Department of Information. I am sure now that things will go well.

Have you got the Committee finally arranged ? My mail has gone missing and for a whole month I heard practically nothing from Canada except what I picked up in the "Daily Record" and that was meagre. In fact I did not know that you had got Locke finally until your letter came.

I shall be glad to see the Bishop of Birmingham, but I am afraid that we cannot arrange for a meeting for him at the University. As you know Monday is Thanksgiving day. That means that there will be few students here after Friday afternoon. Also Friday is taken up by a visit of Sir Arthur Yapp of the British Y.M.C.A., who speaks to the Canadian Club on Friday and on Saturday evening in Convocation Hall. Then on Thursday there is the meeting of the Board of Governors which takes up the whole afternoon, and I have an important meeting on Thursday night. However, I will write to the Bishop and ask him if

he will have lunch with me on Saturday and then I may have an opportunity of showing him something of the University.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

November 12th, 1918

Lt.-Colonel Vincent Massey,

Secretary of the War Council,

Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Colonel Massey:

Now that the war is practically over we should at once begin to make arrangements for the University resuming its normal work a year from now. If I am not mistaken you said a year ago that it would be quite possible to have Hart House ready for occupation by the beginning of the first session after the close of the war. I assume that the building will be ready, and after that quite the most important matter is the appointment of a Warden. I have thought a great deal about the appointment as of course you have also, and when I was in England I made inquiries. It has seemed to me that if we could get one of the best men with experience of the war he might be the most suitable type of man to be found. The kind of man I have in my mind is one of our Rhodes Scholarship candidates who has fallen, and surely there must be one of the same type who will come back to us. If it were possible to get a man like George Kilpatrick, who has been one of the finest Chaplains in the service I know we could not do better. He has been a brilliant student. He was a leader in athletics here, and I do not think that any Chaplain has made a better record. But, I fancy he will want to go into the Church and do regular

work in the ministry. He is a son of Professor Kilpatrick and you may remember him. Possibly there is some one else of whom you have been thinking. In any case if you are to be in Toronto I should like a good deal of time to talk the matter over with you.

With kind regards to Mrs. Massey,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

November 18th, 1918

Lt.-Colonel Vincent Massey,

Ottawa.

Dear Colonel Massey:

Mr. T. A. Reed, Adjutant of the C.O.T.C. who also takes charge of the administration of Military and Physical Drill given to the students of the University tells me that with the advent of winter weather it will be necessary to find more indoor space. We understand that there is a possibility of the Royal Air Force vacating rooms in the Hart House, three on the ground floor, designated in the plans as the Boxing, Fencing and Wrestling Rooms, and the smaller Gymnasium on the first floor, immediately over the three mentioned. Mr. Reed thinks that if it were possible for you to arrange that he could have the use of these rooms until the end of March he could find space with all the students. You will realise that owing to the Invalided Soldiers' Commission having been granted the use of the Old Gymnasium we are at a loss again this year for accommodation.

Yours sincerely,

President.

November 28th, 1918

Colonel Vincent Massey,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Colonel Massey:

We had a most interesting meeting last night of a number of graduates, some twenty in all, who were enthusiastic in regard to the establishment of some memorial for the men who have fallen and who went on service. We are now going to call a general meeting to lay it before the graduates, and we shall send invitations outside of Toronto as well. We wish to have it in the first half of December, some evening. The difficulty is as to the place. What would you think of our meeting in Part House, and if that were feasible, would you object to these graduates having an informal view of the House at that time ?

I may say that the Honourable Mr. Henry, the new Minister of Agriculture was there, and spoke of having been taken through Part House the other day. He was enthusiastic as to what he saw.

Perhaps you would wire us your decision as we should immediately get our arrangements completed. With kind regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

CANADA

REPATRIATION AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

45 RIDEAU STREET
OTTAWA

21st December, 1918.

Dear Sir Robert:-

I enclose a copy of a memorandum prepared and submitted by the Advisory Committee of the Great War Veterans' Association, the members of which are Mr. W.D.Tait of Halifax, Mr. R.B.Maxwell of Winnipeg, and Mr. D.Loughnan of Ottawa. This Committee is now associated with the Repatriation Committee of the Cabinet.

The memorandum raises a number of points which should receive attention in the near future. In paragraph 9 you will notice that the members of the Committee suggest that there should be a conference of University Presidents to discuss the various points covered in the memorandum.

I am writing a number of the University Presidents, asking if it would be convenient for them to attend such a conference towards the end of January.

The Repatriation Committee would be very glad if such a conference could be arranged. If the time suggested above is convenient to you, will you please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Robert Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
TORONTO, Ont.

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C O P Y.

MEMORANDUM

From The G. W. V. A. Advisory Committee
To The Repatriation Committee:

Education and Reconstruction: National efficiency depends upon education. This efficiency, guarded by the proper ideals, makes for national greatness. If education then is at the basis of greatness, development and well-being in a nation, it should receive very considerable attention in any scheme of reconstruction.

It would appear, so far, that sufficient attention is not being given to this aspect of reconstruction in any Government scheme. It is suggested that the educational facilities and particularly Universities of Canada should be mobilized. To this end, the following suggestions are tentatively advanced:

(1) That returned soldiers, many of whom wish to take up University work, be encouraged to do so, by bringing the Universities into closer touch with the returned men and with the problem of reconstruction in general;

(2) That the Universities extend the scope of their work by means of government aid, through the medium of extension classes, summer schools, business courses, &c.

(3) That it is not necessary to establish additional educational institutions in Canada, but that those already in existence should be more fully utilized;

(4) That this enlarged scope of university and educational work be under the directionof a competent committee of supervision, composed of representatives from labour employers, farmers, G.W.V.A.;

(5) Our Universities and their vast equipment are at present lying idle from four to five months in the year. There is no apparent reason why this time and material should not be made us of during the period of Reconstruction;

(6) Universities should give special courses such as Insurance, Banking, business organization, salesmanship, advertising, telegraphy, agriculture, technical training, and so on, to suit the needs of the citizen;

(7) When a soldier is discharged from the army, he might be sent to what might be called a Soldiers' Bureau, or some such organization. If he is already trained, or is a labourer, he can immediately be sent to the employment bureau for disposal. If he wishes further training, desires to go into business, law, medicine, or agriculture, etc., he should be directed to the Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment whose scope might be enlarged for that purpose, and placed in the proper schools.

(8) Free tuition, and, if necessary, subsistence should be provided for returned soldiers requiring further training.

(9) Conference of the University Presidents of Canada will be desirable to work out this matter in detail.

[illegible] 24th, 1918

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Dear Mr. [illegible]:

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[illegible] [illegible]. I am,

Yours [illegible],

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REPATRIATION COMMITTEE

OTTAWA

1st March 1919.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to the Conference of University Presidents and representatives of the Great War Veterans' Association, held in Ottawa on January 14th, I am now requested by the Repatriation Committee to inform you that the Government has on several occasions carefully considered the proposals embodied in the resolutions drafted at that Meeting, and that within the last few days the following decision in the matter has been reached.

The Committee felt, with regard to the resolutions numbered (1) to (V) that, should they be approved as a matter of policy, and an attempt be made to put them into practical operation, insuperable difficulties would be experienced from the standpoint of administration and expenditure, particularly as other classes of returned men would no doubt demand and have the right to expect an equal standard of concession and treatment. This would involve obligations financial and administrative which the Government would not be justified in assuming.

These conclusions have been reached by the Government obly after the most careful consideration of the whole question, and with the fullest recognition of the importance of the action suggested in the resolutions.

Yours faithfully,

Director.

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.,
President,
University of Toronto,
Toronto,
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SIR ROBERT FALCONER

TORONTO UNIVERSITY TORONTO ONT

DINING HALL AT HART HOUSE WOULD BE QUITE READY FOR MEETING IF HELD ON MARCH 20 TH STOP FOR PERSONAL REASONS WOULD SUGGEST MARCH 21 ST AS I SHOULD PROBABLY BE ABLE TO BE PRESENT ON THAT DAY.

MASSEY

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CANADA

REPATRIATION COMMITTEE

45 RIDEAU STREET
OTTAWA

April 3rd, 1919.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President of the University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir Robert:

This morning the Repatriation Committee considered the advisability of carrying out the suggestion made in your letter of March 17th., of calling a conference of the Departments of Educatinn of the Provinces, representatives from the Universities, from the G.W.V.A., and from the Labour Council to consider various educational questions.

While the Committee appreciated the fact that the conference would, in all probability, be most effective, as you pointed out if it were called by this Committee, it was felt that before such an invitation could be sent out by a Government Department it would be advisable to have a very clear statement of the purposes for which the conference was called in order to safeguard the Government from any suggestion of interference with Provincial administration of education.

I am writing you, therefore, to ask if you will be good enough to outline for the Committee what, in your opinion, would be the purposes for which the conference might best be called.

I should be glad if you could conveniently let me have it at an early date, so that there would be no delay in making the necessary arrangements.

Yours faithfully,

Vincent Massey
Director.

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CANADA

REPATRIATION COMMITTEE

45 RIDEAU STREET
OTTAWA

7th May 191[illegible].

Dear Sir Robert,

I sent you the following wire to-day:-

"Would strongly recommend first week in November as date of opening if this fits in with other plans. Letter follows'.

I was speaking to Col.Henderson last night and he assures me that there is not likely to be any doubt about the first week in November so far as His Excellency is concerned, and this he confirmed by telephone to-day. I greatly hope that it may be possible to hold the opening at this time. There is no one else I can think of who could be suitably asked to open the building, and there is an additional advantage in having the opening rather later than we expected, inasmuch as the present serious strikes in the building trade are apt to delay the completion of the structure. Even if the opening of the building had to be an isolated event by reason of its postponement, I think it would still be advisable to do so.

Although I have not had an opportunity of consulting my father on this point, I feel sure that he agrees with me, because I know he is very anxious that the Governor General should open the building.

Yours sincerely,

Vincent Massey

Sir Robt.Falconer, K.C.M.G.,
President University of Toronto,
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SIR.ROBERT FALCONER,

BRES TORONTO UNIVERSITY.

WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND FIRST WEEK IN NOVEMBER AS DATE OF OPENING IF THIS FITS IN WITH OTHER PLANS STOP LETTER FOLLOWS

4.30P MASSEY

CANADA

REPATRIATION COMMITTEE

500.

14th May, 1919.

Dear Sir:-

I am sending you herewith a copy of a "release" which the Repatriation Committee sent out to the leading newspapers of Canada in regard to what the Universities are doing to aid in the repatriation of returned soldiers. This information was based on replies to a questionnaire which was sent to the Universities by this office.

Yours sincerely,

Vincent Massey
Director.

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Sir Robert Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
TORONTO, Ont.

PRESS DEPARTMENT
REPATRIATION COMMITTEE.

WHAT CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES ARE DOING
FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS.

The Universities of Canada are assuming large responsibilities for the further education of returned men. They are co-ordinating with other public bodies in the work of reconstruction in Canada.

Entrance requirements are modified, special classes are instituted, summer classes are arranged, fees are reduced or remitted, and with the aid of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment, the Universities are making it easy for returned men to attain degrees.

McGILL UNIVERSITY:- The entrance requirements have been modified so as to permit those who are not qualified according to the old standards to enter, upon giving evidence of having covered the work in a fairly satisfactory manner. Certain subjects have to be passed. In Arts, the returned men have to pass the matriculation examinations in Mathematics, French and Latin; in Applied Science, Mathematics is the main thing; In Medicine, options are given, but only eight papers out of the eleven called for are required.

Forty percent. on an examination will admit, instead of fifty. If a returned soldier is admitted with a condition in any subject, he will be able to remove that condition by passing the First Year examination instead of taking it up again as ordinary matriculation work. This will apply for the next two or three years.

Permission was given to enter this year's classes even as late as January, and coaching classes were organized. It is proposed to continue the work during the greater part of the summer, these classes being open to any returned soldier, whether he has been in attendance at the present session, or not

A course has been organized in the Faculty of Medicine which will enable ex-soldiers, who were back in Canada by the 1st of March and who were qualified for entrance to the First Year, to get in a year's work before next session.

Matriculation Classes were organized February 1st for those who had almost completed matriculation requirements when they enlisted, and will continue to the end of July.

No fees are charged students in the Matriculation Classes, but all others, except those who have been merely repeating work have been charged the regular fees. There is no extra charge fo the coaching classes nor for the summer work.

ST.FRANCIS XAVIER'S:- No special arrangements have been made in connection with returned soldiers. They have fitted themselves into the courses where they left off, though in some cases recognition has been given to the extent of almost a year of the course.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY:- Last year a regulation was passed that any soldier who had lost time on account of war service might come to the University and by taking certain preparatory work qualify to enter as an undergraduate. A number have entered and are under special tutors paid by the University.

Every student who has been overseas is granted a bonus of 5% on each examination in Arts and Science, and is given an allowance in Arts of from one to three classes.

A special summer session in Science will commence April 28th, including Mining, Civil, Electrical, Mechanical and Chemical Engineering, for soldiers only.

In the Arts Department the regular summer school and correspondence work will be carried on. Soldiers are allowed to register in three classes of the correspondence work now, if they also attend the summer school from July 7th to August 15th.

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY:- No hard and fast regulations have been passed in regard to soldiers, each case being dealt with on its own merits. Returned men have been fitted into the courses for which they were fairly well qualified in order to keep them busy for the rest of the session.

Free tuition has not been granted to soldiers. The only case where it might have been required was met by the scheme of the Dept. of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment.

A special summer course for matriculation next fall will be arranged, if the Provincial Department of Education does not decide to undertake it.

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN:- In co-operation with the Saskatoon Vocational School and under the direction of the Dept. of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment, courses have been given to disabled soldiers in Agriculture, Engineering, Pharmacy, Chemistry, Arts (1st year) and Arts and Science (2nd year). The S.C.R.Dept. paid a fee of $10.00 per month per man, and also provided sustenance. For these courses, which closed March 31st, 222 students were registered.

For returned soldiers, who enlisted prior to July 1st, 1918, the matriculation requirements have been lessened to a minimum. Provision has been made for matriculation work to be given during the summer at a nominal fee. Free tuition will not be given, except to disabled soldiers under the S.C.R.Dept.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY, LONDON:- The general principle has been adopted of giving the returned soldier, whether a former student of this or any other University, such work as he needs and when he needs it. There is a summer session for men who are behind the average preparation for matriculation.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO:- To meet the problem of those men who had not completed their High School training when they enlisted, this University started preliminary classes to prepare men for entrance to the Faculties of Arts, Medicine, Applied Science and Forestry in the fall of 1920. The first course began in February with 50 students. A second course will continue from May 1st to July 31st, and a third course will begin in Septembe

In Arts, summer classes will be held until August for men who returned as late as March 15th, with the object of having them sufficiently advanced to enter upon the work of the next higher year in October next. In Applied Science the summer classes will end in June. Forestry is on the same basis as Arts. In Medicine no special courses will be provided.

The fee for three months' tuition in the preliminary classes is $15.00. In Arts, Applied Science and Forestry the annual fee covers all demands upon the student.

ACADIA UNIVERSITY:- Returned soldiers are admitted without matriculation examinations, providing they have had sufficient preparation to undertake college work. Free tuition is granted for one year to all men who have been overseas. Permission is given the men to select the courses in which they are particularly interested, and they are not obliged to take subjects which do not seem to possess value for their patricular purposes. Those who are insufficiently prepared are admitted to Acadia Collegiate Academy to prepare for matriculation.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA:- A class of 95 men has registered for special short courses in Agriculture, covering five months. Tuition fees of $10.00 per month per man are paid by the Dept. of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment. Fifty other returned men are taking regular work in Medicine at their own expense. There is another class of disabled men whose fees are paid by the S.C.R. Dept.

The Provincial Government has arranged for matriculation classes from May 16th to October 1st. The University is also planning to put on tutorial courses during the summer to enable returned men to make up deficiencies. No fees will be charged for these matriculation and special courses.

McMASTER UNIVERSITY:- Students returning from overseas, who have missed one year or more of their academic course, are given credit for one year's work. Special cases are given due consideration, but in general a man graduates at the end of his third year instead of his fourth. Free tuition is not granted.

MT.ALLISON UNIVERSITY:- Matriculation requirements are modified for returned soldiers, and special endeavour is made to coach them until they are able to keep up with their classes. Special facilities are provided in the Boys' Academy for matriculation, as well as special commercial courses. In the Art School special facilities are provided for giving courses in Arts and Crafts to disabled men.

All Theological students, whether returned soldiers or not, receive free tuition. The remitting of fees to all returned men will be considered by the University Board in May.